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In reply refer to:
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Ambassador H. Allen Holmes
Director
Politico Military Affairs Bureau
Department of State
Room 7327
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ambassador Holmes:

(U) Attached is the DoD position on Munitions Case 309443, Western Union Corp., a request to provide technical data necessary for determining interface compatibility and for verifying the capability of the Chinese Long March III launch vehicle to place the WESTAR VI-S satellite in orbit. DoD has no objection to the export of the technical data with the provisos that are outlined in the attachment.

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(U) Any alteration to any of the provisos, in particular regarding the subject of COCOM approval, will require a reassessment of the license request by DoD. Due to the sensitivity and critical timing of this license, request DoD be notified immediately of any intended alteration of this license.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stephen D. Bryen
Deputy Under Secretary
Trade Security Policy

Attachment

cc: Mr. William Schneider, State AS&T
Mr. Philip Hughes, State PM
Mr. William Robinson, State PM/MC
LTG William Odom, NSA
ADM John Poindexter, NSC

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MC# 309443 (Western Union - China) WESTAR VI-S Satellite Launch

DoD has no objection to the export of the technical data in this munitions case provided that:

1. Approval is specifically limited to technical information necessary for determining interface compatibility and loads analysis and for verifying the capability of the Chinese Long March III launch vehicle to place the WESTAR VI-S satellite in the desired orbit. This conditional approval is predicated on the assumption that the Long March III launch vehicle is already totally suitable in terms of performance/capabilities for the launch of the WESTAR VI-S into the prescribed orbit. The U.S. Government will be under no commitment, implied or otherwise, to provide any technology, technical data, or technical assistance for the purpose of improving Chinese launch vehicle performance or which has the effect of otherwise enhancing Chinese launch capabilities.
2. There is no release nor offer of design, manufacturing, or fabrication technology or data for satellites, launch vehicles, or any other related systems except as specifically authorized under paragraph one (1) above.
3. Twenty-four hour physical control of the satellite is maintained by U.S. citizen employees of Western Union and/or Hughes up to launch. No unescorted access to the satellite by any foreign nationals will be permitted at any time.
4. Approval is separately requested (via form DSP-5) for export of the WESTAR VI-S satellite itself (this follow-on request must be reviewed by DoD).
5. Approval for release of compatibility data (this application) and for the satellite itself (future application, if applicable) is contingent upon the approval of COCOM.
6. Any special test equipment or other support equipment is returned to the United States immediately after the launch.
7. All future requests for foreign launching of U.S. satellites are reviewed by DoD (Air Force cognizant) on a case-by-case basis.